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or other means. The side members 12a, 12b can also be adhesively secured into the recessed rails.--

In The Claims

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) In a utility vehicle having a chassis supported on wheels, and an operator's cab supported by a metal cab frame, the improvement comprising:
 - an integral floor and fender structure formed by a contoured body substantially composed of plastic material; and
 - said metal cab frame supported on a top side of said contoured body.

Please amend claim 2 to read as follows:

2. (Amended) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said contoured body comprises a fiberglass layer.

Please amend claim 3 to read as follows:

3. (Amended) The improvement according to claim 2, wherein said contoured body comprises a fiberglass layer laminated between a top RIM layer and a bottom RIM layer.

Please amend claim 4 to read as follows:

4. (Amended) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said contoured body includes right and left fenders and a seat supporting platform integrally formed between said right and left fenders.

[Please amend claim 5 to read as follows:]

5. (Amended) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said contoured body comprises a foot supporting area and formed rail portions extending along said fenders and into said foot supporting area.

[Please amend claim 6 to read as follows:]

6. (Amended) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said contoured body includes reinforced portions for interface with isolation mounts.

[Please amend claim 7 to read as follows:]

7. (Amended) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said contoured body includes a foot supporting area, seat and seatback supporting areas, fender covering area, and a rear wall.

[Please amend claim 8 to read as follows:]

8. (Amended) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said contoured body comprises a center layer covered on opposite surfaces by RIM material, wherein said RIM material comprises a composite plastic material.

Please amend claim 10 to read as follows:

10. (Amended) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said contoured body comprises a center layer covered on opposite surfaces by RIM material.

[Please amend claim 11 to read as follows:]

11. (Amended) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said contoured body comprises a laminated structure.

[Please amend claim 12 to read as follows:]

12. (Amended) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said contoured body comprises a substantially homogeneous fiber-reinforced plastic.

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[Please amend claim 13 to read as follows:]

13. (Amended) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said contoured body comprises integral features for mounting said metal cab frame.

Please cancel claim 15 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 16 to read as follows:

16. (Amended) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said contoured body comprises integral features for storage of an operator's manual and tools.

Please amend claim 17 to read as follows:

17. (Amended) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said contoured body comprises integral features for forming window and door sealing surfaces. ✓ r²

Please add the following new claims:

Sub C 18. (New) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said contoured body comprises at least one side rail that forms a door sealing surface.

Sub B 19. (New) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said operator's cab comprises a roof and said metal cab frame comprises front and rear columns supporting said roof, and side members connecting said front columns to said rear columns, said side members being secured to a top side of said integral floor and fender structure.

20. (New) The improvement according to claim 19, wherein said contoured body comprises side recessed rails that are concave facing

upward, said side members of said metal cab frame being secured into said recessed rails.

21. (New) The improvement according to claim 19, wherein said contoured body comprises longitudinally extending side recessed rails that are concave facing upward, said side members of said metal cab frame longitudinally extending on lateral sides of said metal cab frame and being adhesively secured into said recessed rails.

22. (New) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said contoured body comprises raised features for mounting controls.

23. (New) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said contoured body comprises a recessed rail arranged for providing a chase for electrical wires.

24. (New) The improvement according to claim 1, wherein said integral floor and fender structure comprises a recessed rail arranged for providing a chase for mechanical cables.

25. (New) In a utility vehicle having a chassis supported on wheels, and an operator's cab supported by a cab frame, the improvement comprising:

an integral floor and fender structure formed by a contoured body substantially composed of plastic material, said contoured body having longitudinally extending recesses open on a top side of said contoured body; and

 said cab frame having spaced-apart, longitudinally extending bottom side members each at least partially secured within a respective one of said recesses.

26. (New) The improvement according to claim 25, wherein said contoured body includes right and left fenders and a seat supporting platform integrally formed between said right and left fenders, a foot supporting area, and formed rail portions extending along said fenders and into said foot supporting area.

27. (New) The improvement according to claim 26, wherein said contoured body comprises a fiberglass center layer covered on opposite surfaces by RIM material, wherein said RIM material comprises a composite plastic material.

28. (New) The improvement according to claim 25, wherein said contoured body comprises a substantially homogeneous fiber-reinforced plastic.

29. (New) The improvement according to claim 25, wherein said contoured body comprises side rails for forming window and door sealing surfaces.

30. (New) The improvement according to claim 25, wherein said operator's cab comprises a roof and said cab frame comprises a pair of front columns and a pair of rear columns supporting said roof, and said bottom side members connect said front columns to said rear columns.

31. (New) The improvement according to claim 25, wherein said utility vehicle comprises a tractor.

32. (New) The improvement according to claim 25, wherein said contoured body comprises raised surfaces for mounting controls.

33. (New) The improvement according to claim 25, wherein said contoured body structure comprises a recessed rail arranged for providing a chase for electrical wires and mechanical cables.

34. (New) The improvement according to claim 25, wherein said bottom side members are each at least partially secured within said respective one of said recesses by adhesive.